

ARTICLE XII.

Fish and Fisheries.

HEAD OF THE BAY.

SEC. 1. No person, except resident citizens of this State, shall fix, set or stake out any sort of gill nets, either stationary or floating, or any device whatever, for the taking of herrings and shad in the Chesapeake Bay at any time between the first of March and the first of June in each year, and any person so offending shall forfeit the vessel and tackle used in such fishing, and all the nets, apparatus and devices for taking fish, and also pay a fine of fifty dollars for each offence.

2. No person shall, during the months of June and July in each year, fish by gill net or hauling seine within the waters of Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries lying within the bounds of Cecil or Harford counties, and any person so offending shall forfeit the boats and seines used by such offender at the time of violating this section, and also pay a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each offence; this not to apply to seines usually called market seines, which are used for catching summer fish.

3. No person shall place in the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay, or in the Sassafras, Elk, Bohemia, North East or Susquehanna Rivers, or in any of their tributaries, any stakes, piles or other thing for the purpose of attaching seines or nets thereto, with the view of taking shad or fish of any description; this not to apply to any portion of said bay below Pool's Island.

4. No person shall attach to any stake, piles, or other thing which shall be in said waters, any seine or nets for the purpose mentioned in the preceding section; this not to apply to persons who may set nets and attach them to poles not more than four inches in diameter and not more than a mile and a half from the shore south of Grove Point and on the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay; *Provided*, said poles are removed after fishing season.